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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Patent Application of ) **BOX PATENT APPLICATION**  
Manabu HIRAOKA et al )  
Application No.: Not Assigned ) Group Art Unit: Not Assigned  
Filed: January 31, 2001 ) Examiner: Not Assigned  
For: PERFLUORO COMPOUNDS )  
DECOMPOSITION METHOD AND )  
DECOMPOSITION APPARATUS )  
THEREFOR )

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please amend the specification as follows:

Page 1, line 5, delete "Detailed Description of The Invention" and replace with

--BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION--.

Page 1, line 13, delete "Prior Arts" and replace with

--Description of the Related Art--.

Page 2, line 11, delete the line in its entirety.